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October 30, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

37 October 30, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO MAKE CHANGES, ALLOW SUBSTITUTIONS,
ACCEPT THE PROJECT, AND RELEASE RETENTION
STATE ROUTE 126/COMMERCE CENTER DRIVE INTERCHANGE
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF CASTAIC JUNCTION
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the authority to approve and execute change orders, allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders, accept the project, and release retention money for the State Route 126/Commerce Center Drive Interchange project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with State Route 126/Commerce Center Drive Interchange project to (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings, (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in the State Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., (3) accept the project upon its final completion, (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of the State Public Contract Code Section 9203, and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of the State Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On August 30, 2011, Agenda Item No. 25, the Board authorized loans and funding to construct the State Route 126/Commence Center Drive Interchange Improvements project and delegated authority to the Director. This Board action did not include certain delegated authorities, which have been included on more recent Board actions.

The purpose of the recommended action is to delegate to the Director the authorities stated in recommendation No. 1 in order to efficiently and effectively manage the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended action will help meet these goals by facilitating delivery of the project to improve efficiency of the transportation network for the traveling public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

On August 30, 2011, Agenda Item No. 25, the Board approved the financing of the project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to approve changes or alterations to this construction contract and specified administrative authority will allow an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the construction of a bridge and interchange improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On December 5, 2006, Agenda Item No. 47, the Board approved the environmental document prepared by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for this project. The Negative Declaration found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. On November 16, 2010, Agenda Item No. 14, an addendum to the Negative Declaration was approved by the Board to address changes in the scope of the work.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Director will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code. The County Local Small Business Enterprise preference will not be applied to the determination of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. To be eligible for the Federal funds financing the majority of this project, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, requires award to the lowest bidder.

To increase contractor awareness of the Department of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Delegating authority to the Director or her designee to carry out the project will have a positive impact by facilitating delivery of the project for the construction of a bridge and interchange improvements.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)